

July 30, 2016

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Special Assessment Unit
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Subject: Downtown Industrial District Second Quarter Report
April 1 to June 30, 2016

As required under Agreement #C-124929 with the City of Los Angeles, I am submitting our 2016 Second Quarter Report summarizing key activities of the Downtown Industrial District BID.

PUBLIC SAFETY

- On May 4th, Beard met with LAPD to discuss issues of crime in the area.
- On May 11, Beard hosted a community meeting at LADID with the residents of the SRO buildings to discuss public safety issues for the residents in the district. Residents stated that they do not feel safe and are trapped inside their buildings. They stated that more police presence is needed.
- During the 2nd quarter, LADID was informed of the Mitchell Injunction relating to the handling of property during a LAPD arrests in the Industrial District. LADID was also informed that LAMC 56.11 would not be enforced in the skid row area due to the injunction. After two years of testimony in Council Chambers, Public Works Committee, and the Homelessness & Poverty Committee meetings regarding LAMC 56.11, this is very disappointing and discouraging news for the stakeholders whose buildings; both residential and commercial are covered with encampments and blocked sidewalks.
- Beard continued to communicate with the Mayor's staff to express the need for immediate improvement in the area. Both sheltered and unsheltered people in the district are being victimized by predators daily.
- Beard and Camarillo met with LADOT and LAPD to discuss and request new parking restrictions on Crocker Street and Towne Ave.

- During the 2nd quarter, an RFP for security services was sent out. LADID hosted a bidders conference where candidates were able to ask questions about the district. A firm will be selected in July.
- BID Staff continues to attend Community Police Advisory Board meetings, LAPD Basic Car meetings, LAPD Crime Control meetings, as well as monthly meetings for pertinent community groups and government agencies.
- The BID area continues to experience increases in the population of unsheltered persons living on the sidewalks. This population continues to accumulate property and extend their encampments the width of entire sidewalks, and attach their tarps to private property. Crime continues to increase. Property owners are overwhelmed by the number of unsheltered persons encamping against their buildings' walls. The BID continues to speak regularly with the Mayor's office, Council Office, LAPD, City Attorney's office, and other City departments. The BID continues to serve as a conduit of information for business owners who are impacted by the ever growing encampments and unsanitary conditions on the streets within the BID.
- BID staff continued to document streetlight outages throughout the District. BID continues to make it a priority to alert the necessary City departments when lights are out or need increased wattage by providing a detailed list of the outages to both the Bureau of Street Lighting and the LADWP on a monthly basis.
- Staff continued to utilize the BID computerized mapping system to effectively visualize critical public safety information on the district's map, on which hazardous incident trends are identified, and potential problems are mitigated at the earliest possible stage, all of which provides a cleaner and safer environment, thus improving business in the district.
- BID public safety officers handled 5,561 calls for service/responses, and provided 335 extra patrols. Some of the calls for service/responses include drug activity, drinking in public, fights, loitering, illegal dumping, and trespassing. Extra patrols involve increased patrol in areas of the District considered to be "hot spots" for criminal activity, in particular copper wire theft.
- As of June 30, security expenditures for the 2nd quarter were \$189,205.

MAINTENANCE

- 2nd quarter a total of 18,859 bags of trash (283 tons) was collected in the Industrial District; 645 illegal dumping/bulky items were removed; 133 instances of graffiti were removed; 135 blocks were weeded.

- Illegal dumping continues to be a huge issue for the BID. Bulky items are dumped daily throughout the district. Beard continues to work with Street Services to identify offenders.
- The BID continues to pressure wash the district daily; Mon-Fri 7am to 1pm.
- As of June 30, maintenance expenditures for the 2nd quarter were \$159,372.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Beard, the webmaster for the Downtown Industrial BID's website continues updating general information as well as uploads newsletters, adding links etc. Throughout the 1st quarter, Beard provided social media posts regarding events, activities, and important news relating to the District.
- On April 21 and 28, Beard spent time with CBS News Josh Blackstone speaking about the issues in the area. Beard walked with the crew around Downtown.
- On June 1, Beard attended and testified in support of the proposed adaptive reuse project Efficient City Apartments. This project is located at 813 E. 5th Street, and converts an old Salvation Army detox center that has been empty for 6 years, in to micro units.
- The Downtown News published a wonderful story highlighting the CCE Planning Study, commissioned by LADID.
- During the 2nd quarter, Beard worked with the Planning Department to get the Central City East planning study incorporated in the community plan updates, in which many recommendations are included in DTLA2040. Many thanks to the Planning Department and CD14.
- During the 2nd quarter, Beard met with several stakeholders, governmental offices, and social service providers. All parties are affected by the conditions in Skid Row and it is important for Beard to forge partnerships, as well as speak to the issues and the need for solutions.
- As of June 30, economic development and communications expenditures for the 2nd quarter were \$50,384.

ADMINISTRATIVE

- Beard attended the 2nd quarter meetings of the Los Angeles BID Consortium.
- A quorum of the Board met on April 11 and May 19, 2016.
- Beard renewed all insurances during the 2nd quarter.
- On April 29 Beard viewed and approved the reviewed financials with the auditor from GTL, LLP.
- On May 3rd, LADID hosted a pop-up poll for the DLANC elections, in which Beard ran and won for the CCE Business Seat.

- During the 2nd quarter, Beard continued to answer weekly public records requests from Adrian Riskin. The requests began in October of 2015.
- Beard attended the 2nd quarter meetings of the Downtown Los Angeles Neighborhood Council, which she is a member representing the Central City East business seat.
- As of June 30, administrative expenditures for the 2nd quarter were \$56,173.

Los Angeles Downtown Industrial District **Annual Limits & Year-To-Date Totals** **Quarter Ending June 30, 2016**

BUDGET LINE ITEM	ANNUAL BUDGET	REVENUE TO DATE	AMOUNT SPENT 2ND QTR	AMOUNT SPENT YEAR-TO-DATE	PROJECTED SPENDING FOR REMAINDER OF THE YEAR	EXPLANATION OF VARIANCE
Assessment Income	2,090,325	1,776,086				
City Fees	20,516		-	21,169	-	
Contingency/Reserve	82,064		16,266	36,782	45,282	
Administration	256,432		56,173	117,576	138,856	
Security	941,451		189,205	369,699	571,752	This report is on the cash basis. Additional expenses will be accrued at year end.
Maintenance	595,276		159,372	298,711	296,565	
ED&C/Marketing	210,107		50,384	101,602	108,505	
TOTAL	2,105,846	1,776,086	471,400	945,539	1,160,959	

50% of Budget	Difference
128,216	10,639.85
470,726	101,026.67
297,638	(1,073.31)
105,064	3,451.13
1,001,633	159,326.30

Other income (not included above):
Prior Year(s) Assessment Income Received 10,354
General Benefit Income-City of L.A. 10,000
Penalty Income 5,786
Interest-City of L.A. 1,943
Interest-Bank 77
Misc Receipts -
Total other income as of June 30, 2016

28,159